THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Inquiry committee report on Dhakuria Over bridge Rail Accident

1184. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of inquiry conducted by the Commissioner of Railways Safety Shri A. K. Sengupta into the accident near the Dhakuria over-bridge in Calcutta resulting in the deaths of a number of persons;

(b) what action has been taken by Government on the report; and

(c) what is the amount of compensation paid to each of the accident victims and those injured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) Final Report of the Commissioner of Railway Safety has not yet been received.

(c) No compensation has been paid so far. However, a sum of Rs. 46,500/- has been paid as ex-gratia to the dependents of the deceased and to injured passengers.

Difficulty in movement of food and other articles due to shortage of petroleum products

1185. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difficulty in movement of food and other articles due to shortage of petroleum products within the country;

(b) if so, which are the places in the country where enough supplies could not be reached; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to overcome this problem?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) has reported that some difficulty has been experienced in moving stocks from railhead to non-railhead destinations in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States.

(c) The F.C.I. authorities in the respective areas have been directed to get in touch with the State Governments to obtain necessary assistance for movement of stocks.

Number of rural people visiting ITDC hotels

1186. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state what is the number of persons from the rural areas who have visited ITDC hotels so far to avail of the facilities of concessional food in Delh and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): 22 persons from rural areas have so far availed of the facility of concessional food in ITDC hotels. Out of this 17 rural persons have availed the facility in Delhi.

Families benefited under IRDP

1187. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families assisted under the Integrated Rural Development Programme during the last two months; and

(b) the number of families likely to be benefited during the year 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINIS-

TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) According to progress received from various States/UTs, about 6.31 lakhs families have been assisted during the last two months i.e. December, 1990 and January, 1991 under Integrated Rural Development Programme during 1990-91.

(b) Targets are fixed financial yearwise and not calendar yearwise. During 1990-91, 23.71 lakhs families are likely to be benefited unde Integrated Rural Development Programme.

Prices of edible oil in Gujarat

1188. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of edible oil in Gujarat has gone sky-high;

(b) what steps Government are taking to control the price of edible oil;

(c) how much quantity of edible oil is being supplied to Gujarat for public distribution system at present; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Gujarat has demanded to increase the quantum of edible oil for Public Distribution System?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The prices of edible oil had risen in the country in the past few months including Gujarat. Government have taken steps to bridge the gap between domestic production and consumption by import of edible oil (which is issued as PDS oil at low prices) to the extent of foreign exchange availability and other factors related with import of edible oils. Other measures taken to improve the availability of indigenous oils and curb the price rise include granting of excise rebate on use of non-conventional oils in vanaspati, reduction of stock limits of edible oilseeds and oils with the dealers/manufacturers of edible oils, permitted blending of conventional oil with non-conventional oil etc. State Governments have been asked to undertake dehoarding operations and take strict action against hoarders and blackmarketeers in edible oilseeds and oils. HVOC has started marketing of refined cottonseed oil 'Shankh' at lower prices than similar oils marketed by private trade. NDDB are marketing edible oils under Brand name 'Dhara' at below market rates.

(c) Allocation of imported edible oil made to Gujarat from September, 1990 to February, 1991 are:

Month	Allocation (in MTs)
September, 1990 . . .	12,500
October, 1990 . . .	14,000
November, 1990 . . .	7,000
February, 1991 . . .	3,600

(d) Yes, Sir.

Fertilizer plants in the country

1189. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer plants, State-wise with names; and

(b) the States without any fertilizer plant and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) The information is given in the *Statement* attached.

(b) The information regarding States without any fertilizer plants is given in *Statement No. II* attached. Because of very small demand of fertilizers in these States, non-availability of raw material in most of these States and logistic problem in transport of surplus finished fertilizer to other States, the establishment of fertilizer plants in these States is not economical. However, the demand of fertilizers of these States is met by the fertilizer plants located in the neighbouring States.